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FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TOAST FOR SECRETARY'S POSSIBLE USE IN RESPONSE TO
TOAST BY PRIME MINISTER AT WORKING DINNER FRIDAY NIGHT:

(BEGIN DRAFT)

MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOUR EXCELLENCIES AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:
FIRST, LET ME EXPRESS MY THANKS FOR YOUR KIND WORDS, WHICH I ACCEPT
ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT I REPRESENT. SECONDLY, LET ME
EXPRESS MY PERSONAL GRATITUDE FOR THE HOSPITALITY YOU AND YOUR COL-
LEAGUES ARE SHOWING MYSELF AND MEMBERS OF MY PARTY.

THE FEELINGS OF FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS
TOWARDS TURKEY ARE VERY LONG-STANDING. OUR COUNTRIES HAVE WORKED
TOGETHER FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS. OUR COMMON MEMBERSHIP IN THE
NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF OUR COMMON BELIEF IN
THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN DIGNITY UPON WHICH OUR
OUR SOCIETIES ARE BUILT. THESE PRINCIPLES HAVE BEEN TESTED FROM
TIME TO TIME, AND THE SMOOTH TRANSITION OF POLITICAL POWER HERE IN
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TURKEY EARLIER THIS MONTH IS PROOF THAT TURKEY CAN MEET THAT TEST.
IN TOO FEW COUNTRIES IS THAT TRUE.

BUT DEMOCRACY SOMETIMES REQUIRES TESTING TO REMAIN ALIVE, AND
FRIENDSHIP SOMETIMES REQUIRES TESTING TO REMAIN STRONG. THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS UNDERGONE STRAINS OF LATE.
I THINK IT IS A MEASURE OF THE STRENGTH OF THE DESIRE ON THE PARTS

OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES TO REAFFIRM AND STRENGTHEN OUR FRIENDSHIP
THAT THE MAJOR PARTIES IN THIS FLOURISHING DEMOCRACY--AS IS TRUE
OF BOTH MAJOR PARTIES IN MY OWN COUNTRY--ARE COMMITTED TO OUR
COMMON ALLIANCE.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOU ONCE WROTE A POEM CALLED " A GENERATION
OF PEACE" AND FORECAST A DAY IN WHICH THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD WILL
"HAVE CRUSHED THE THORNS OF HATRED WITH BARE FEET" AND "WALK
HAND-IN-HAND....TOWARDS A WARM DAY BORN OUT OF THEIR LOVE.

I WOULD HOPE--I AM INDEED CONFIDENT--THAT IF WE OF THIS
GENERATION ALSO ONLY DISPLAY AND MAKE USE OF THE DETERMINATION AND
SPIRIT WHICH THE YOUTH THE WORLD OVER DISPLAY, WE WILL NOT HAVE TO
WAIT ANOTHER GENERATION FOR THIS "GENERATION OF PEACE."
IT IS WITH THOSE SENTIMENTS THAT I ASK THAT ALL OF YOU JOIN
WITH ME IN RAISING YOUR GLASSES TO THE TURKISH REPUBLIC AND ITS
PRIME MINISTER. THANK YOU.
(END DRAFT)

FYI: QUOTATION ABOVE IS FROM POEM WHICH IS PARTICULAR FAVORITE
OF PRIME MINISTER. STRONGLY URGE THAT IT BE USED.)
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